



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW0407

April 23, 2007

Excess Moisture Delays Spring Plantings

The rain slowed planting progress and kept farmers out of the fields for a few days. Producers reported **4.0 days suitable for fieldwork**. **Topsoil moisture** is 27 surplus, 72 percent adequate, and 1 percent short. **Pasture** condition remains relatively good with 85 percent reported in fair to excellent condition.

Green peas and **potatoes** are progressing well with 40 percent and 62 percent planted, respectively. Small amounts of **sweet corn**, **corn** and **tomatoes** have been planted. Fruits such as **strawberries**, **peaches**, and **apples** are blooming nicely. **Strawberries** are a head of normal with 57 percent bloomed, compared to 38 percent last year and 42 percent average. **Apples** and **peaches** increased from last week, but is still below last year and the five year average.

Winter wheat was rated 7 percent excellent, 74 percent good, 15 percent fair, 2 percent poor and 2 percent very poor. **Barley** was rated 7 percent excellent, 67 percent good, 23 percent fair, 2 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. **Hay** supplies are 11 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 59 percent adequate.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
<u>Vegetables Planted</u>				
Corn	9	4	16	14
Green Peas	40	36	48	66
Potatoes	62	60	48	49
Sweet Corn	12	7	23	19
Tomatoes	5	4	37	25
<u>Fruits Bloomed</u>				
Apples	17	4	38	32
Peaches	40	20	55	55
Strawberries	57	34	38	42

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
Very Short	0	1	-	0	0	-
Short	1	2	-	2	6	-
Adequate	72	75	-	75	76	-
Surplus	27	22	-	23	18	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2007

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.10	13.18	1.42	77	40	50	-5
Frederick	0.64	11.06	0.30	77	37	48	-2
Frostburg	0.30	12.79	-0.56	73	29	43	-6
Hagerstown	0.28	7.74	-2.83	75	38	49	-5
Mechanicsville	1.29	12.44	-0.84	77	38	49	-7
Patuxent River	1.28	10.34	-1.42	73	38	51	-6
Ocean City	2.55	12.08	-2.02	66	34	49	-7
Salisbury	2.61	13.87	0.25	75	29	48	-7
Sharpsburg	0.62	11.24	0.48	76	34	47	-3
Stevensville	1.97	14.59	2.28	76	38	50	-6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.13	11.90	1.35	76	42	51	-7
Delaware							
Dover	3.22	14.11	1.46	74	37	50	-6
Georgetown	1.61	12.81	-0.55	75	35	49	-5
Wilmington	2.94	17.15	5.35	76	35	49	-5

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.